

# Advisory Notice

California Environmental Protection Agency

 **Air Resources Board**

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## **Amendments to the Control Measure for Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning Operations**

This advisory notifies the public and industry that the proposed rulemaking to amend the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Perchloroethylene (Perc) Dry Cleaning Operations (Dry Cleaning ATCM) has been withdrawn. A new rulemaking for Perc will be undertaken in January 2007 and will be based on the direction the Board gave at the public hearing on May 25, 2006.

At this hearing, staff presented the proposed amendments to the Dry Cleaning ATCM. The Board heard testimony from many interested parties, including the affected industries, industry associations, environmental groups, local air pollution control districts, and other interested individuals. Although some of the testimony was supportive of ARB staff's proposal, others suggested that ARB phase out the use of Perc in dry cleaning operations all together.

After hearing the public comments and considering staff's proposal, the Board unanimously voted not to proceed with the proposed rulemaking and directed staff to return to them with a proposal for their consideration to phase out Perc from dry cleaning operations. The Board also directed staff to consider the cost impacts of the proposal and evaluate ways to minimize these through possible financial assistance programs.

ARB staff will be holding meetings with stakeholders in the near future on the new proposal to phase out Perc as well as a public workshop in September 2006. The proposal will be presented to the Board in January 2007.

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